REMARKS

Claims 14-33 are pending. These claims find support in the original disclosure as follows. Independent Claim 14 is supported by original Claim 1 and 3. Claim 15 by original Claim 2. Claims 16 and 17 find support on page 7, lines 18-28 of the specification. Claims 18-21 find support on page 9, lines 3-12 of the disclosure. The reagent of Claim 22 is also described on page 9, starting at line 13, of the specification. The chemical groups in Claims 23-25 are described at the bottom of page 9. Groups Ar₁ and Ar₂, which appear in Claims 26 and 27 are described at the top of page 10. The chemical groups in Claims 28-31 are depicted on pages 10 and 11 of the specification and the nickel and copper complexes of Claims 32 and 33 are described on page 11 of the specification. Accordingly, the Applicants do not believe that any new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

Upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment, the Applicants respectfully submit that this application will be ready for an early examination on the merits.

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